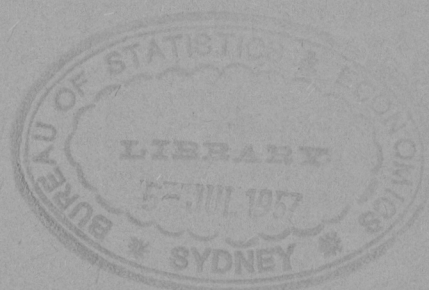


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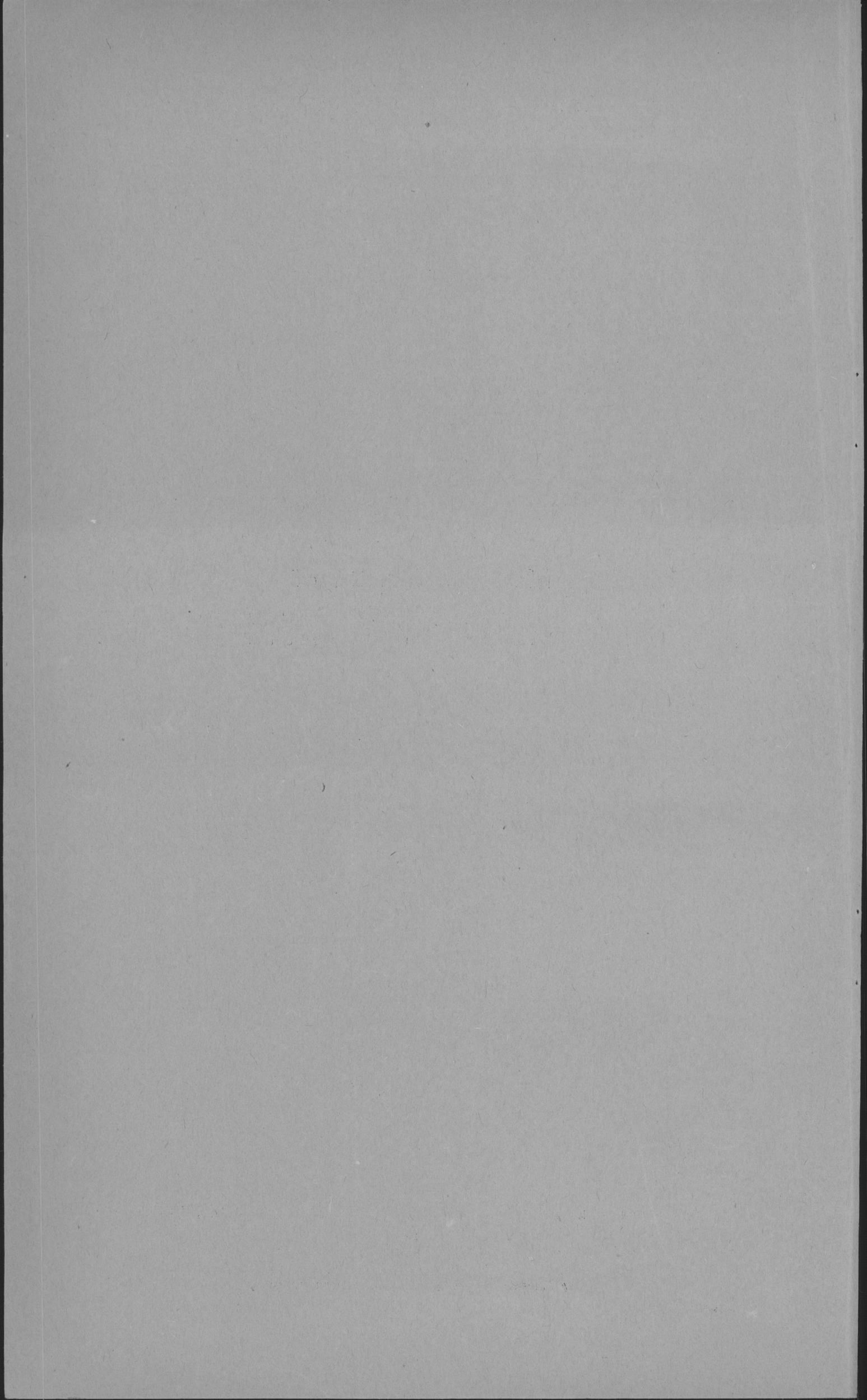
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified, employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Bodies, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll Tax returns at present cover approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated number of wage and salary earners in civilian employment (excluding rural and female private domestics) and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Bodies, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organizations specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954). This Act, when originally introduced in 1941, required employers paying wages of more than £20 per week to lodge returns. The exemption limit was raised to £80 per week from 1st October, 1953. The present exemption limit of £120 per week was introduced in September, 1954.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "Wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.

PREFACE

The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The Census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revisions will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 8. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 7 and 8. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

2. Call-ups for short periods of National Service Training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 4 page 3 hereof.

TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA (EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service) (Thousands)

	1956			1957			
	March	April	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
<u>MALES</u>							
1. In Private Employment	1421.2	1424.3	1420.1	1415.4	1421.0	1423.8	1415.4
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Bodies -							
Defence Group (a)	31.1	31.3	29.0	28.7	28.6	28.5	28.4
Other	130.2	130.2	133.6	135.3	135.6	135.9	136.7
State and Semi-Governmental	372.7	374.2	373.5	372.7	374.8	374.7	375.7
Local Government Bodies	64.9	65.4	66.4	65.4	66.0	66.1	66.1
2. Total Governmental	598.9	601.1	602.5	602.1	605.0	605.2	606.9
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2020.1	2025.4	2022.6	2017.5	2026.0	2029.0	2022.3
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	58.4	58.9	47.5	57.2	57.7	55.1	48.0
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2078.5	2084.3	2070.1	2074.7	2083.7	2084.1	2070.3
<u>FEMALES</u>							
1. In Private Employment	633.5	631.0	635.4	630.6	635.3	637.4	632.7
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Bodies -							
Defence Group (a)	7.2	7.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1
Other	38.6	38.7	38.7	39.3	39.5	39.6	39.5
State and Semi-Governmental	76.9	77.3	77.2	76.2	79.1	79.3	80.5
Local Government Bodies	6.0	6.0	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3
2. Total Governmental	128.7	129.3	128.4	128.1	131.2	131.4	132.4
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	762.2	760.3	763.8	758.7	766.5	768.8	765.1
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and Oversea)	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9
5. Total, Civilian Employees and Defence Forces	764.1	762.2	765.7	760.6	768.3	770.6	767.0
<u>PERSONS</u>							
1. In Private Employment	2054.7	2055.3	2055.5	2046.0	2056.3	2061.2	2048.1
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Bodies -							
Defence Group (a)	38.3	38.6	35.2	34.9	34.8	34.6	34.5
Other	168.8	168.9	172.3	174.6	175.1	175.5	176.2
State and Semi-Governmental	449.6	451.5	450.7	448.9	453.9	454.0	456.2
Local Government Bodies	70.9	71.4	72.7	71.8	72.4	72.5	72.4
2. Total Governmental	727.6	730.4	730.9	730.2	736.2	736.6	739.3
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2782.3	2785.7	2786.4	2776.2	2792.5	2797.8	2787.4
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	60.3	60.8	49.4	59.1	59.5	56.9	49.9
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2842.6	2846.5	2835.8	2835.3	2852.0	2854.7	2837.3

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production. (b) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel.

I. GENERAL SUMMARY

TABLE 1 - TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	1947.3	(a)1996.0	2021.9	709.1	738.7	757.6	2656.4	(a)2734.7	2779.5
August	1949.3	1999.6	2020.0	710.5	740.9	756.3	2659.8	2740.5	2776.3
September	1953.1	2003.1	2020.1	714.6	743.9	757.0	2667.7	2747.0	2777.1
October	1955.2	2001.7	2018.1	718.7	747.8	759.3	2673.9	2749.5	2777.4
November	1964.8	2012.4	2027.3	727.5	756.1	765.5	2692.3	2768.5	2792.8
December	1969.0	2012.9	2022.6	731.9	758.2	763.8	2700.9	2771.1	2786.4
January	1968.1	(a)1990.7	2017.5	724.2	752.2	758.7	2692.3	(a)2742.9	2776.2
February	1977.4	2018.8	2026.0	732.8	759.4	766.5	2710.2	2778.2	2792.5
March	1986.2	2020.1	2029.0	737.5	762.2	768.8	2723.7	2782.3	2797.8
April	1990.8	2025.4	2022.3	736.0	760.3	765.1	2726.8	2785.7	2787.4
May	1995.4	2028.1		737.2	760.6		2732.6	2788.7	
June	2000.5	2025.9		738.5	758.9		2739.0	2784.8	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 2 - DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA

(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp (a))

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	61.5	59.9	59.6	2.0	2.1	2.0	63.5	62.0	61.6
August	61.5	60.2	59.6	2.0	2.2	1.9	63.5	62.4	61.5
September	60.8	60.1	58.8	2.1	2.1	1.9	62.9	62.2	60.7
October	60.5	60.0	58.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	62.6	62.0	59.9
November	52.5	51.9	50.3	2.1	2.0	1.9	54.6	53.9	52.2
December	50.1	49.8	47.5	2.0	2.0	1.9	52.1	51.8	49.4
January	60.1	59.9	57.2	2.0	2.0	1.9	62.1	61.9	59.1
February	60.1	60.1	57.7	2.1	2.0	1.8	62.2	62.1	59.5
March	57.9	58.4	55.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	60.0	60.3	56.9
April	58.9	58.9	48.0	2.1	1.9	1.9	61.0	60.8	49.9
May	59.1	58.6		2.1	2.0		61.2	60.6	
June	57.7	57.3		2.1	2.0		59.8	59.3	

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 3 - TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES : AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	2008.8	(a)2055.9	2081.5	711.1	740.8	759.6	2719.9	(a)2796.7	2841.1
August	2010.8	2059.8	2079.6	712.5	743.1	758.2	2723.3	2802.9	2837.8
September	2013.9	2063.2	2078.9	716.7	746.0	758.9	2730.6	2809.2	2837.8
October	2015.7	2061.7	2076.1	720.8	749.8	761.2	2736.5	2811.5	2837.3
November	2017.3	2064.3	2077.6	729.6	758.1	767.4	2746.9	2822.4	2845.0
December	2019.1	2062.7	2070.1	733.9	760.2	765.7	2753.0	2822.9	2835.8
January	2028.2	(a)2050.6	2074.7	726.2	754.2	760.6	2754.4	(a)2804.8	2835.3
February	2037.5	2078.9	2083.7	734.9	761.4	768.3	2772.4	2840.3	2852.0
March	2044.1	2078.5	2084.1	739.6	764.1	770.6	2783.7	2842.6	2854.7
April	2049.7	2084.3	2070.3	738.1	762.2	767.0	2787.8	2846.5	2837.3
May	2054.5	2086.7		739.3	762.6		2793.8	2849.3	
June	2058.2	2083.2		740.6	760.9		2798.8	2844.1	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 4 - TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Civilian Employees (excluding Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)									Defence Forces (b)
	Males			Females			Persons			
	Govern- mental Bodies (a)	Private Employ- ment	Total	Govern- mental Bodies (a)	Private Employ- ment	Total	Govern- mental Bodies (a)	Private Employ- ment	Total	
1939 July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945 June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949 May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950 June	554.3	1,304.4	1,858.7	107.7	580.5	688.2	662.0	1,884.9	2,546.9	33.7
1951 June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952 June (d)	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953 June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1954 June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
1955 June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
1956 June	604.8	1,421.1	2,025.9	129.8	629.1	758.9	734.6	2,050.2	2,784.8	59.3
1955 March	592.3	1,393.9	1,986.2	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.6	2,010.1	2,723.7	60.0
April	595.3	1,395.5	1,990.8	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.7	2,010.1	2,726.8	61.0
May	596.9	1,398.5	1,995.4	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.7	2,013.9	2,732.6	61.2
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
July (e)	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	123.6	615.1	738.7	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	62.0
Aug.	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	124.2	616.7	740.9	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	62.4
Sept.	597.5	1,405.6	2,003.1	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.2	2,025.8	2,747.0	62.2
Oct.	595.0	1,406.7	2,001.7	124.0	623.8	747.8	719.0	2,030.5	2,749.5	62.0
Nov.	595.2	1,417.2	2,012.4	124.9	631.2	756.1	720.1	2,048.4	2,768.5	53.9
Dec.	596.3	1,416.6	2,012.9	124.0	634.2	758.2	720.3	2,050.8	2,771.1	51.8
1956 Jan. (e)	595.3	1,395.4	1,990.7	123.9	628.3	752.2	719.2	2,023.7	2,742.9	61.9
Feb.	597.5	1,421.3	2,018.8	127.3	632.1	759.4	724.8	2,053.4	2,778.2	62.1
March	598.9	1,421.2	2,020.1	128.7	633.5	762.2	727.6	2,054.7	2,782.3	60.3
April	601.1	1,424.3	2,025.4	129.3	631.0	760.3	730.4	2,055.3	2,785.7	60.8
May	603.6	1,424.5	2,028.1	129.7	630.9	760.6	733.3	2,055.4	2,788.7	60.6
June	604.9	1,421.0	2,025.9	129.8	629.1	758.9	734.7	2,050.1	2,784.8	59.3
July	605.7	1,416.2	2,021.9	130.8	626.8	757.6	736.5	2,043.0	2,779.5	61.6
Aug.	605.7	1,414.3	2,020.0	130.6	625.7	756.3	736.3	2,040.0	2,776.3	61.5
Sept.	604.0	1,416.1	2,020.1	129.9	627.1	757.0	733.9	2,043.2	2,777.1	60.7
Oct.	601.6	1,416.5	2,018.1	129.3	630.0	759.3	730.9	2,046.5	2,777.4	59.9
Nov.	602.6	1,424.7	2,027.3	129.6	635.9	765.5	732.2	2,060.6	2,792.8	52.2
Dec.	602.5	1,420.1	2,022.6	128.4	635.4	763.8	730.9	2,055.5	2,786.4	49.4
1957 Jan.	602.1	1,415.4	2,017.5	128.1	630.6	758.7	730.2	2,046.0	2,776.2	59.1
Feb.	605.0	1,421.0	2,026.0	131.2	635.3	766.5	736.2	2,056.3	2,792.5	59.5
March	605.2	1,423.8	2,029.0	131.4	637.4	768.8	736.6	2,061.2	2,797.8	56.9
April	606.9	1,415.4	2,022.3	132.4	632.7	765.1	739.3	2,048.1	2,787.4	49.9

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Bodies (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (b) Includes members of Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded. (c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (d) See Preface on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 5 - WAGE AND SALLARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

STATES AND TERRITORIES

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

State or Territory	June, 1950	June, 1951	June, 1952	June, 1953	June, 1954	June, 1955	June, 1956	March, 1957	April, 1957
MALES									
New South Wales	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	787.8	791.4	788.3
Victoria	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	564.2	565.4	564.3
Queensland	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	276.0	273.4	271.5
South Australia	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	184.5	183.6	183.1
Western Australia	120.5	125.3	126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	135.5	134.8	134.6
Tasmania	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	64.4	66.0	66.1
Northern Territory	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.5	5.5
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.5	8.9	8.9
Australia:	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	2025.9	2029.0	2022.3
FEMALES									
New South Wales	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	300.2	304.2	302.6
Victoria	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	233.0	235.8	234.8
Queensland	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	91.2	92.1	92.1
South Australia	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	62.9	64.6	63.9
Western Australia	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	44.6	45.0	44.5
Tasmania	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	22.8	22.8	22.9
Northern Territory	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Aust. Cap. Terr.	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.2
Australia:	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	758.9	768.8	765.1
PERSONS									
New South Wales	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	1088.0	1095.6	1090.9
Victoria	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	797.2	801.2	799.1
Queensland	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	367.2	365.5	363.6
South Australia	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	247.4	248.2	247.0
Western Australia	160.4	166.9	166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	180.1	179.8	179.1
Tasmania	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	87.2	88.8	89.0
Northern Territory	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.6	6.6
Aust. Cap. Terr.	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	11.6	12.1	12.1
Australia:	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	2784.8	2797.8	2787.4

TABLE 6 - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL BODIES, APRIL, 1957

STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt. (a)		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total		M	F	M	F	M	F	P
	M	F	M	F	M	F							
New South Wales	8.8	1.0	47.2	14.3	56.0	15.3	133.4	26.8	26.6	2.9	216.0	45.0	261.0
Victoria	14.1	4.0	35.9	11.2	50.0	15.2	98.4	25.1	13.1	1.7	161.5	42.0	203.5
Queensland	1.1	0.2	17.0	4.6	18.1	4.8	53.4	8.0	17.7	0.9	89.2	13.7	102.9
South Australia	3.5	0.7	13.7	3.0	17.2	3.7	38.4	9.9	3.1	0.3	58.7	13.9	72.6
Western Australia	0.6	0.1	8.5	2.1	9.1	2.2	38.1	6.7	3.4	0.3	50.6	9.2	59.8
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.5	1.2	4.6	1.3	14.0	4.0	2.2	0.2	20.8	5.5	26.3
Northern Territory	0.1	-	2.6	0.7	2.7	0.7	-	-	-	-	2.7	0.7	3.4
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	-	7.3	2.4	7.4	2.4	-	-	-	-	7.4	2.4	9.8
Total : April, 1957	28.4	6.1	136.7	39.5	165.1	45.6	375.7	80.5	66.1	6.3	606.9	132.4	739.3
Total : March, 1957	28.5	6.1	135.9	39.6	164.4	45.7	374.7	79.3	66.1	6.4	605.2	131.4	736.6

(a) See note (a) to Table 4 on previous page.

II. EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

TABLE 7 - WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - APRIL, 1957.

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (f)
MALES							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.1	5.6	5.1	1.8	2.4	2.1	25.4
Mining and Quarrying	28.9	4.6	9.9	1.6	7.7	3.0	56.4
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	297.0	225.0	73.4	69.2	34.9	20.9	720.4
Other (b)	27.3	19.1	10.7	2.6	2.4	0.7	64.1
Total Manufacturing:	324.3	244.1	84.1	71.8	37.3	21.6	784.5
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	74.3	50.6	34.5	20.4	14.4	8.8	206.4
Road Transport	35.4	21.8	14.5	7.3	4.6	2.5	86.4
Shipping and Stevedoring	16.8	11.2	9.3	6.0	5.4	2.7	51.5
Rail and Air Transport	38.3	22.6	22.0	9.8	10.9	2.6	106.6
Communication	26.4	18.2	9.8	5.9	4.6	2.1	67.4
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	24.9	19.3	8.5	5.4	4.0	1.5	63.8
Retail Trade	49.9	37.8	15.4	12.1	9.5	3.8	128.8
Wholesale and Other Commerce	51.1	43.6	21.6	15.4	13.9	4.7	150.8
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.7	29.0	11.9	8.2	7.5	3.9	101.7
Other Industries (g)	73.2	55.9	24.9	17.4	12.4	6.8	192.6
TOTAL MALES:	788.3	564.3	271.5	183.1	134.6	66.1	2022.3
FEMALES							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	98.0	89.0	13.9	16.9	6.1	4.9	228.8
Other (b)	1.1	2.3	2.9	0.1	0.9	-	7.4
Total Manufacturing:	99.1	91.3	16.8	17.0	7.0	4.9	236.2
Rail and Air Transport	3.9	2.1	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.6
Other Transport (incl. Shipping, etc.)	4.3	3.8	1.9	1.0	0.5	0.3	11.9
Communication	7.5	5.6	2.8	1.9	1.0	1.0	19.8
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	19.2	12.6	4.9	3.5	2.3	1.0	43.5
Retail Trade	44.8	32.7	16.2	12.5	10.1	4.2	120.7
Wholesale and Other Commerce	18.1	12.7	7.2	4.1	3.5	1.1	46.8
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	10.9	7.3	4.4	1.7	2.0	1.0	29.1
Other Industries (g)	94.8	66.7	36.7	21.5	17.7	9.3	248.5
TOTAL FEMALES:	302.6	234.8	92.1	63.9	44.5	22.9	765.1
PERSONS							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.2	5.7	5.1	1.8	2.4	2.1	25.6
Mining and Quarrying	29.2	4.7	10.3	1.7	7.9	3.1	57.6
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	395.0	314.0	87.3	86.1	41.0	25.8	949.2
Other (b)	28.4	21.4	13.6	2.7	3.3	0.7	71.5
Total Manufacturing:	423.4	335.4	100.9	88.8	44.3	26.5	1020.7
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	76.6	52.0	35.1	20.9	14.7	8.9	211.6
Road Transport	38.6	25.0	16.1	8.1	4.9	2.7	95.8
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.9	11.8	9.6	6.2	5.6	2.8	54.0
Rail and Air Transport	42.2	24.7	23.2	10.5	11.3	2.7	115.2
Communication	33.9	23.8	12.6	7.8	5.6	3.1	87.2
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	44.1	31.9	13.4	8.9	6.3	2.5	107.3
Retail Trade	94.7	70.5	31.6	24.6	19.6	8.0	249.5
Wholesale and Other Commerce	69.2	56.3	28.8	19.5	17.4	5.8	197.6
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	47.6	36.3	16.3	9.9	9.5	4.9	130.8
Other Industries (g)	165.3	121.0	60.6	38.3	29.6	15.9	434.5
TOTAL PERSONS:	1090.9	799.1	363.6	247.0	179.1	89.0	2787.4

For notes see page 8.

TABLE 8 - WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	March, 1956	April, 1956	Jan., 1957	Feb., 1957	March, 1957	April, 1957
MALES						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.9	26.7	25.5	25.7	25.5	25.4
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.3
Silver, Lead, Zinc	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2
Coal	26.7	26.7	26.1	25.7	25.6	25.5
Other (including Quarries)	12.4	12.6	13.1	13.2	13.4	13.4
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	56.5	56.8	56.8	56.5	56.6	56.4
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	722.4	723.9	715.0	720.3	722.6	720.4
Other (b)	63.7	63.8	64.1	64.1	64.2	64.1
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	786.1	787.7	779.1	784.4	786.8	784.5
<u>Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	96.8	97.7	96.5	96.6	96.2	92.3
Other (d)	112.7	114.0	112.8	114.1	114.4	114.1
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	209.5	211.7	209.3	210.7	210.6	206.4
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	86.4	86.6	86.0	86.2	86.5	86.4
Shipping and Stevedoring	49.6	51.1	51.1	51.4	51.5	51.5
Rail and Air Transport	108.1	108.9	106.5	106.6	106.4	106.6
Communication	64.2	64.3	66.9	66.8	67.0	67.4
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	308.3	310.9	310.5	311.0	311.4	311.9
<u>Property and Finance, (including Banks and Insurance)</u>	61.6	61.5	62.8	63.5	63.7	63.8
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	127.8	127.7	125.1	125.8	126.0	125.6
Primary Produce Agencies	24.9	24.6	27.1	26.1	25.9	25.2
Retail Trade	130.5	130.1	130.2	129.7	129.1	128.8
<u>Total Commerce</u>	283.2	282.4	282.4	281.6	281.0	279.6
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	100.0	100.3	101.1	101.5	101.4	101.7
<u>Other</u>						
Law and Order	20.7	20.8	21.5	21.6	21.7	21.9
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	26.8	26.7	27.0	27.0	27.0	26.9
Education	40.3	40.6	40.3	41.6	42.1	42.7
Other Professional	14.3	14.3	14.5	14.8	15.1	15.0
Entertainment, Sport	18.7	18.3	19.4	19.3	19.3	19.4
Personal Service (e)	55.8	55.3	55.9	55.4	55.4	55.3
<u>Total Other</u>	188.0	187.4	190.0	191.1	192.0	192.6
TOTAL :	2020.1	2025.4	2017.5	2026.0	2029.0	2022.3
FEMALES						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	230.8	229.4	226.0	230.3	232.7	228.8
Other (b)	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	238.3	236.8	233.4	237.7	240.1	236.2
<u>Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)</u>	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.2
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	9.4	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.4
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Rail and Air Transport	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.6
Communication	19.5	19.5	19.8	19.8	19.9	19.8
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	40.0	40.1	40.2	40.2	40.3	40.3

For notes see page 8.

TABLE 8 - WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA (Continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	March, 1956	April, 1956	Jan., 1957	Feb., 1957	March, 1957	April, 1957
FEMALES (Continued)						
Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)	41.8	41.9	43.0	43.8	43.8	43.5
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	41.4	40.7	40.3	40.8	41.0	40.6
Primary Produce Agencies	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2
Retail Trade	123.2	122.7	122.9	121.6	121.2	120.7
Total Commerce	170.4	169.4	169.4	168.6	168.4	167.5
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	28.7	28.8	29.1	29.2	29.2	29.1
Other -						
Law and Order	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0
Religion and Social Welfare	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	76.1	76.7	77.8	78.5	78.5	78.9
Education	50.5	50.6	48.9	52.0	52.5	53.7
Other Professional	10.3	10.2	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5
Entertainment, Sport	9.0	9.0	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.3
Personal Service (e)	72.0	71.6	71.4	70.8	70.5	70.5
Total Other	236.7	236.9	237.0	240.3	240.3	241.9
TOTAL :	762.2	760.3	758.7	766.5	768.8	765.1

PERSONS

Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	27.1	26.9	25.7	25.9	25.7	25.6
Mining -						
Gold	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.5
Silver, Lead, Zinc	10.4	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5
Coal	26.9	26.9	26.3	25.9	25.8	25.7
Other (including Quarries)	12.9	13.1	13.6	13.7	13.9	13.9
Total Mining and Quarrying	57.6	58.0	58.0	57.7	57.8	57.6
Manufacturing, etc. -						
Factories (a)	953.2	953.3	941.0	950.6	955.3	949.2
Other (b)	71.2	71.2	71.5	71.5	71.6	71.5
Total Manufacturing	1024.4	1024.5	1012.5	1022.1	1026.9	1020.7
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	99.6	100.5	99.3	99.5	99.1	95.1
Other (d)	114.9	116.2	115.2	116.5	116.8	116.5
Total Building and Construction	214.5	216.7	214.5	216.0	215.9	211.6
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	95.8	96.1	95.4	95.5	95.8	95.8
Shipping and Stevedoring	52.1	53.6	53.6	53.9	54.0	54.0
Rail and Air Transport	116.7	117.5	115.0	115.2	115.0	115.2
Communication	83.7	83.8	86.7	86.6	86.9	87.2
Total Transport, etc.	348.3	351.0	350.7	351.2	351.7	352.2
Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)	103.4	103.4	105.8	107.3	107.5	107.3
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	169.2	168.4	165.4	166.6	167.0	166.2
Primary Produce Agencies	30.7	30.6	33.3	32.3	32.1	31.4
Retail Trade	253.7	252.8	253.1	251.3	250.3	249.5
Total Commerce	453.6	451.8	451.8	450.2	449.4	447.1
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	128.7	129.1	130.2	130.7	130.6	130.8
Other -						
Law and Order	30.5	30.6	31.4	31.6	31.7	31.9
Religion and Social Welfare	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	102.9	103.4	104.8	105.5	105.5	105.8
Education	90.8	91.2	89.2	93.6	94.6	96.4
Other Professional	24.6	24.5	25.0	25.3	25.6	25.5
Entertainment, Sport	27.7	27.3	28.9	28.8	28.6	28.7
Personal Service (e)	127.8	126.9	127.3	126.2	125.9	125.8
Total Other	424.7	424.3	427.0	431.4	432.3	434.5
TOTAL :	2782.3	2785.7	2776.2	2792.5	2797.8	2787.4

For notes see page 8.

NOTES TO TABLES 7 AND 8

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published in the annual bulletin, Secondary Industries. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public bodies, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public bodies on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestics).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestics). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:- "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, providing their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further ".....the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff". The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact, the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

The survey was extended to cover all States with effect from January, 1953. In Bulletins up to and including No. 152, totals were given for the original two States, for the three remaining mainland States and for the five mainland States together. The figures now shown in Tables 9 and 11 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 13. In continuation of the earlier practice, this table is confined to the five mainland states. At the present stage, figures for Tasmania cannot be incorporated into this table in the same detail because of the risk of disclosure of individual factory particulars.

TABLE 9 - EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1956 January	375,100	116,507	491,607	-	-	-
February	377,558	120,611	498,169	+ 0.7	+ 3.5	+ 1.3
March	377,013	120,289	497,302	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
April	377,871	117,874	495,745	+ 0.2	- 2.0	- 0.3
May	377,527	116,874	494,401	- 0.1	- 0.8	- 0.3
June	375,438	115,930	491,368	- 0.6	- 0.8	- 0.6
July	*374,389	115,047	*489,436	- 0.3	- 0.8	- 0.4
August	*372,283	114,505	*486,788	- 0.6	- 0.5	- 0.5
September	*372,045	114,819	*486,864	- 0.1	+ 0.3	-
October	*371,913	115,693	*487,606	-	+ 0.8	+ 0.2
November	*372,166	115,556	*487,722	+ 0.1	- 0.1	-
December	*370,659	115,797	*486,456	- 0.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
1957 : January	*368,956	118,397	*487,353	- 0.5	+ 2.2	+ 0.2
February	*373,409	120,763	*494,172	+ 1.2	+ 2.0	+ 1.4
March	*374,710	121,452	*496,162	+ 0.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
April	*373,127	*118,180	*491,307	- 0.4	- 2.7	- 1.0
May	374,417	116,293	490,710	+ 0.3	- 1.6	- 0.1

* Revised.

TABLE 10 - EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1956		1957			March, '57- April, '57	April, '57- May, '57
	April	May	March	April	May		
MALES							
New South Wales	150,526	150,090	*152,010	*151,530	151,624	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Victoria	114,679	113,993	*113,142	*112,429	112,608	* - 0.6	+ 0.2
Queensland	39,001	40,598	38,543	* 38,772	39,790	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
South Australia	42,700	42,120	40,226	39,932	39,889	- 0.7	- 0.1
Western Australia	18,200	17,945	17,745	17,560	17,529	- 1.0	- 0.2
Tasmania	12,765	12,781	13,044	* 12,904	12,977	* - 1.1	+ 0.6
TOTAL:	377,871	377,527	*374,710	*373,127	374,417	- 0.4	+ 0.3
FEMALES							
New South Wales	45,990	45,794	47,034	46,397	45,758	- 1.4	- 1.4
Victoria	45,871	45,361	47,619	* 45,890	45,047	* - 3.6	- 1.8
Queensland	8,361	8,476	8,644	* 8,477	8,271	* - 1.9	- 2.4
South Australia	9,387	8,937	10,244	9,444	9,197	- 7.8	- 2.6
Western Australia	3,667	3,645	3,578	3,500	3,511	- 2.2	+ 0.3
Tasmania	4,598	4,661	4,333	4,472	4,509	+ 3.2	+ 0.8
TOTAL:	117,874	116,874	121,452	*118,180	116,293	- 2.7	- 1.6
PERSONS							
New South Wales	196,516	195,884	*199,044	*197,927	197,382	- 0.6	- 0.3
Victoria	160,550	159,354	*160,761	*158,319	157,655	* - 1.5	- 0.4
Queensland	47,362	49,074	47,187	* 47,249	48,061	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
South Australia	52,087	51,057	50,470	49,376	49,086	- 2.2	- 0.6
Western Australia	21,867	21,590	21,323	21,060	21,040	- 1.2	- 0.1
Tasmania	17,363	17,442	17,377	* 17,376	17,486	*	+ 0.6
TOTAL:	495,745	494,401	*496,162	*491,307	490,710	- 1.0	- 0.1

* Revised.

TABLE 11 - EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES

SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed, except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1956 January	326,073	99,561	425,634	-	-	-
February	325,977	100,845	426,822	-	+ 1.3	+ 0.3
March	325,978	101,336	427,314	-	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
April	326,847	100,968	427,815	+ 0.3	- 0.4	+ 0.1
May	325,697	100,608	426,305	- 0.4	- 0.4	- 0.4
June	323,122	99,999	423,121	- 0.8	- 0.6	- 0.7
July	321,073	99,406	420,479	- 0.6	- 0.6	- 0.6
August	319,850	99,200	419,050	- 0.4	- 0.2	- 0.3
September	319,789	99,930	419,719	-	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
October	319,137	100,402	419,539	- 0.2	+ 0.5	-
November	318,716	100,125	418,841	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
December	318,934	99,825	418,759	+ 0.1	- 0.3	-
1957 : January	320,155	99,760	419,915	+ 0.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3
February	*322,047	100,396	*422,443	+ 0.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
March	*322,811	100,750	*423,561	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
April	*322,282	*100,493	*422,775	- 0.2	- 0.3	- 0.2
May	322,356	99,934	422,290	-	- 0.6	- 0.1

* Revised.

TABLE 12 - EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES

STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1956		1957			March, '57- April, '57	April, '57 May, '57
	April	May	March	April	May		

MALES

New South Wales	136,684	136,427	*137,784	*137,706	137,939	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Victoria	100,498	100,213	98,350	* 98,219	98,568	* - 0.1	+ 0.4
Queensland	25,438	25,401	25,100	* 25,038	24,408	* - 0.2	- 2.5
South Australia	38,000	37,591	35,488	35,440	35,514	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Western Australia	15,812	15,610	15,377	15,233	15,228	- 0.9	-
Tasmania	10,415	10,455	10,712	10,646	10,699	- 0.6	+ 0.5
<u>TOTAL:</u>	326,847	325,697	*322,811	*322,282	322,356	- 0.2	-

FEMALES

New South Wales	40,177	40,139	40,280	40,348	40,035	+ 0.2	- 0.8
Victoria	40,370	40,197	39,947	* 39,670	39,587	- 0.7	- 0.2
Queensland	6,866	6,865	6,732	* 6,725	6,628	* - 0.1	- 1.4
South Australia	7,670	7,487	7,831	7,796	7,754	- 0.4	- 0.5
Western Australia	2,805	2,792	2,727	2,676	2,690	- 1.9	+ 0.5
Tasmania	3,080	3,128	3,233	3,278	3,240	+ 1.4	- 1.2
<u>TOTAL:</u>	100,968	100,608	100,750	*100,493	99,934	- 0.3	- 0.6

PERSONS

New South Wales	176,861	176,566	*178,064	*178,054	177,974	-	-
Victoria	140,868	140,410	138,297	*137,889	138,155	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Queensland	32,304	32,266	31,832	* 31,763	31,036	* - 0.2	- 2.3
South Australia	45,670	45,078	43,319	43,236	43,268	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Western Australia	18,617	18,402	18,104	17,909	17,918	- 1.1	+ 0.1
Tasmania	13,495	13,583	13,945	13,924	13,939	- 0.2	+ 0.1
<u>TOTAL:</u>	427,815	426,305	*423,561	*422,775	422,290	- 0.2	- 0.1

* Revised.

TABLE 13 - EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES : FIVE MAINLAND STATES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPING

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	May, 1956	March, 1957	April, 1957	May, 1957	March, 1957- April, 1957	April, 1957 May, 1957
MALES						
1. Building Materials	34,067	33,313	33,070	32,988	- 0.7	- 0.2
2. Basic Metals	38,552	40,821	40,867	41,053	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
3. Transportation Equipment	60,256	* 55,935	* 55,998	55,670	* + 0.1	- 0.6
4. Other Metal Manufactures	84,598	82,985	* 83,102	83,548	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	18,959	19,373	19,258	19,071	- 0.6	- 1.0
6. Clothing and Textiles	32,685	33,094	32,963	32,758	- 0.4	- 0.6
7. Food	49,504	* 49,567	* 48,587	49,783	- 2.0	+ 2.5
8. All Other	46,125	46,578	46,378	46,569	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Total - All Groups	364,746	*361,666	*360,223	361,440	- 0.4	+ 0.3
Total - Excluding Food	315,242	*312,099	*311,636	311,657	* - 0.1	-
FEMALES						
1. Building Materials	3,060	2,928	2,924	2,900	- 0.1	- 0.8
2. Basic Metals	2,005	2,042	2,034	2,013	- 0.4	- 1.0
3. Transportation Equipment	5,685	5,025	* 5,020	5,043	* - 0.1	+ 0.5
4. Other Metal Manufactures	17,699	19,049	* 19,056	19,140	-	+ 0.4
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,285	4,261	4,240	4,187	- 0.5	- 1.2
6. Clothing and Textiles	51,764	51,584	51,427	50,974	- 0.3	- 0.9
7. Food	14,733	19,602	16,493	15,090	-15.9	- 8.5
8. All Other	12,982	12,628	12,514	12,437	- 0.9	- 0.6
Total - All Groups	112,213	117,119	*113,708	111,784	- 2.9	- 1.7
Total - Excluding Food	97,480	97,517	* 97,215	96,694	- 0.3	- 0.5

* Revised.

IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 14 - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) : AUSTRALIA

Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1,000)
Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1954 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	Dec. Quarter	2,524	2,614
1947-48	1,164	1,206	1955		
1948-49	1,322	1,365	March "	2,589	2,732
1949-50	1,451	1,505	June "	2,652	2,758
			Sept. "	2,689	2,806
			Dec. "	2,731	2,849
1950-51	1,742	1,810	1956 -		
1951-52	2,145	2,213	March "	2,749	2,859
1952-53	2,350	2,394	June "	2,801	2,897
1953-54	2,462	2,511	Sept. "	2,863	2,968
			Dec. "	2,903	2,996
1954-55	2,572	2,685	1957 -		
1955-56	2,743	2,853	March "	2,910	2,983

(a) Includes salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

NOTE:- The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings over a period of time. They do not, however, give at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1955-56 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1956 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TABLE 15: - AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is shown in Table 14.

Period	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000)							
1949-50	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1955-56	18,955	13,358	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
<u>1954-55</u>							
December Quarter	17,918	12,440	5,612	3,862	2,773	1,345	43,950
March "	16,511	11,678	5,017	3,712	2,610	1,346	40,874
June "	18,235	12,916	5,619	4,033	2,813	1,492	45,108
<u>1955-56</u>							
September Quarter	18,454	12,890	5,765	4,097	2,844	1,414	45,464
December "	19,683	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090
March "	18,229	12,832	5,435	4,057	2,849	1,442	44,844
June "	19,453	14,045	6,002	4,359	2,915	1,587	48,361
<u>1956-57</u>							
September Quarter	19,613	13,877	6,145	4,364	3,003	1,529	48,531
December "	21,038	14,627	6,584	4,497	3,011	1,610	51,367
March "	19,420	13,500	5,837	4,231	2,899	1,584	47,471
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£) (c)							
1949-50	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1955-56	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51
<u>1954-55</u>							
December Quarter	17.53	17.45	15.14	16.26	15.78	15.51	16.86
March "	16.07	16.20	13.59	15.50	14.86	15.20	15.59
June "	17.64	17.81	14.90	16.73	15.92	16.76	17.07
<u>1955-56</u>							
September Quarter	17.79	17.75	15.16	16.98	16.12	16.11	17.16
December "	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.65	18.04
March "	17.46	17.43	14.54	16.43	16.08	16.25	16.81
June "	18.57	19.00	15.75	17.51	16.45	17.61	18.02
<u>1956-57</u>							
September Quarter	18.75	18.87	15.97	17.63	17.14	17.15	18.12
December "	20.01	19.84	17.14	18.20	17.19	18.04	19.13
March "	18.45	18.27	15.37	17.01	16.57	17.43	17.67

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.
 (c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE:- Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

TABLE 16: - AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following tables are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group for Australia are weighted averages.

The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
<u>31ST DECEMBER, 1956.</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	363	335	326	329	353	341	345
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	344	329	355	323	354	344	338
III. Food, Drink, etc.	351	348	320	335	342	357	343
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	328	326	332	332	337	324	328
V. Books, Printing, etc.	399	386	373	367	404	386	389
VI. Other Manufacturing	350	334	316	330	341	351	339
VII. Building	398	374	362	350	371	365	379
VIII. Mining (c)	353	348	336	315	368	336	350
IX. Rail and Tram Services	376	358	345	328	345	363	359
X. Other Land Transport	352	319	313	310	342	327	333
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	363	363	360	361	361	362	362
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	331	324	297	296	319	314	321
XIV. Miscellaneous	350	336	311	305	333	327	335
All Groups (b)(f):	367	347	339	329	353	355	353

31ST MARCH, 1957.

I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	360	335	326	329	354	341	344
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	342	329	355	323	355	344	338
III. Food, Drink, etc.	351	348	320	335	343	357	343
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	325	326	332	332	337	324	327
V. Books, Printing, etc.	396	386	373	367	405	386	388
VI. Other Manufacturing	349	334	318	330	342	351	339
VII. Building	394	379	362	350	373	365	379
VIII. Mining (c)	351	348	336	315	373	336	350
IX. Rail and Tram Services	372	358	345	328	347	363	358
X. Other Land Transport	348	319	313	310	343	327	331
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	362	363	360	361	361	362	362
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	331	324	297	296	320	314	320
XIV. Miscellaneous	346	336	311	305	334	327	333
All Groups (b)(f):	365	347	339	329	355	355	352

- (a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.
- (b) Weighted average.
- (c) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are those prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State and exclude district allowances in the gold mining industry.
- (d) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are for occupations other than master, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied.
- (e) Not available.
- (f) For December, 1956 and March, 1957 the "All Groups" average weekly wage index numbers have been calculated by applying to the "All Groups" index numbers for December, 1955 the percentage movement from December, 1955 to December, 1956 and March, 1957, respectively, as shown by the index numbers for "All Groups", excluding XI and XII.

TABLE 17 - AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on average wage rates and hours of labour for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rates for each industrial group in the State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	139	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
" " 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
" " 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329
" " 1953	346	336	316	327	352	341	338
" " 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
30th September, 1955	365	355	334	337	370	350	355
31st March, 1956	368	358	336	337	372	355	358
30th June, 1956	373	367	342	349	375	368	365
30th September, 1956	379	372	350	349	380	369	370
31st December, 1956	388	372	356	349	385	369	375
31st March, 1957	385	372	356	349	387	369	374

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI (Shipping, etc.) and XII (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. (b) Weighted average.

V. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 18 - NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT : STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Act 1947-1954) which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards, figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 June (e)	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
1954 June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
1955 June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
1956 June	2,325	1,412	1,270	319	1,606	71	5,395	1,608	7,003
July	3,073	2,515	909	494	2,082	91	7,239	1,925	9,164
August	3,119	3,129	809	706	2,304	110	8,274	1,903	10,177
September	3,220	2,949	792	674	1,871	108	7,828	1,786	9,614
October	3,133	3,067	829	640	1,788	88	7,665	1,880	9,545
November	3,324	3,085	821	771	1,666	92	7,805	1,954	9,759
December	4,365	3,593	2,118	978	2,126	97	11,141	2,136	13,277
1957 January	4,191	3,493	4,083	703	2,244	88	12,699	2,103	14,802
February	4,336	2,677	4,218	462	1,930	71	11,498	2,196	13,694
March	4,322	2,771	3,802	481	1,607	94	10,702	2,375	13,077
April	5,244	3,772	3,876	631	1,804	126	12,665	2,788	15,453
May	5,385	4,057	3,009	835	1,803	236	12,397	2,928	15,325

(a) Last Saturday of Month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952, the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

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